

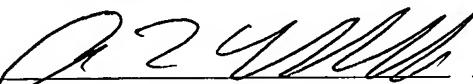


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The references listed in the attached PTO SB08 are:

- DE 100 25 176 A1 (listed in an earlier-filed IDS);
- WO 01/90010 (a PCT application based on DE 100 25 176 A1) ; and

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- US 2003/0140659 A1 (the published U.S. national stage of WO 01/90010).

DE 100 25 176 A1 was listed in an PTO 1449 Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application listing the references from the International Search Report (where it was considered an “A” reference, i.e., background). However, in the Examiner’s initialed copy of the Notice of Allowability, DE 100 25 176 A1 was crossed out because a copy was not readily available, and the Examiner did not consider it. A copy is here submitted.

Because this reference was already reported earlier, and the failure to consider it was simply due to a problem with obtaining a copy, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now, within his discretion, consider the reference and place it on the record.

WO 01/90010 is the publication of a PCT application asserting priority of DE 100 25 176 A1. It is believed to be cumulative (and probably identical to) DE 100 25 176 A1.

US 2003/0140659 is the U.S. national stage of WO 01/90010, U.S ser. no. 10/296,089, which has been abandoned. It is believed also cumulative with DE 100 25 176 A1, and to be the U.S English-language counterpart thereof. It may be of interest as a translation, and, to the extent that it might ever become an issue, Applicant wishes to state on the record that the invention of the present application and the invention of US 2003/0140659 were commonly owned at the time of invention, triggering the effect of 35 U.S.C. sec. 103(c).

Relevance of these references

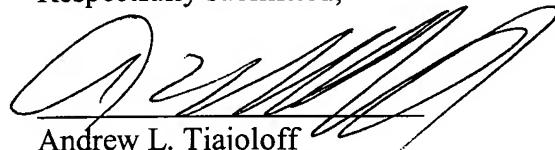
DE 100 25 176 is discussed in the application mainly as background art, and its relevance is limited. The claims herein all recite quartz glass having a content of metastable OH groups of less than 0.05 wt. ppm and a content of anneal stable OH groups of at least 0.05 wt. ppm.

DE 100 25 176 A1 and the counterpart references WO 01/90010 and US 2003/0140659

A1 have no suggestion or hint of a distinction between those two kinds of OH groups. They do not raise any issue of the allowability of the claims in this application.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-490-3285.

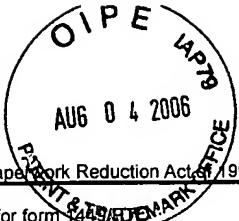
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